

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371**

US APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR §1.5)

**10/511946**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
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16 September 2002PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
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## TITLE OF INVENTION

A METHOD AND SPOOL FOR SHORTENING AND OPTIONALLY TENSIONING ELONGATE TENSION MEMBERS

## APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

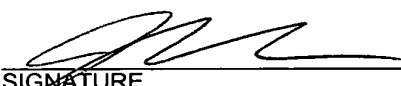
Michael VON SEIDEL

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR §3.28 and §3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR §1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR §1.821 – 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
  - b. ☒ Copies of Annexes to International Preliminary Examination Report
  - c. ☒ Communication regarding Power of Attorney

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR §1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR §1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR §1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$1110.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR §1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$950.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR §1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR §1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....\$790.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR §1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$750.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR §1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$100.00  <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>				<b>CALCULATIONS</b> PTO USE ONLY	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR §1.492(e)).				\$	
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Total claims	13      -20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$	
Independent claims	1      -3 =	0	X \$88.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			\$300.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 950.00</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				<b>\$-475.00</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 475.00</b>	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR §1.429(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$ 475.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR §1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR §§3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 475.00</b>	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>475.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-0951</u> in the amount of \$ <u>.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0951</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.  <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR §1.494 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR §1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
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In re Application of VON SEIDEL

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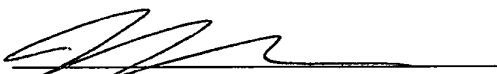
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Sir:

Please find attached a copy of the International application as filed. Please note that the claims attached hereto are for information purposes only, as they were amended during International Preliminary Examination, and are further amended in a preliminary amendment filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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